COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
P.O. BOX 1450
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

Franz Bonsang c/o Protections Equinox Int'l 224-4480 Cote-de-Liesse Montreal, Quebec H4N 2R1 CANADA

In re Application of BAROCHE

U.S. Application No.: 10/522,408

PCT Application No.: PCT/FR03/01591

Int. Filing Date: 26 May 2003

Priority Date Claimed: 27 May 2002

Attorney Docket No.: 859-B01.PCT.US

For: WATCH WITH A CONTAINER

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 26 January 2005.

BACKGROUND

On 26 May 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/FR03/01591, which claimed priority of an earlier France application filed 27 May 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 04 December 2003. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 27 November 2004.

International application PCT/FR03/01591 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely pay the basic national fee.

On 26 January 2005, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION ,

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire

* Application Number: 10/522,408

delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required reply under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 26 May 2003, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 26 January 2005.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.

Bryan Tung

PCT Legal Examiner-PCT Legal Office

Telephone: 571-272-3303 Facsimile: 571-273-0459